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SUBJECT: PURSUIT BY FORT BLISS, TEXAS MILITARY POLICE
OF PRESUMED DRUG TRAFFICKERS INTO CIUDAD JUAREZ

1. DURING EARLY HOURS OF MORNING OF NOVEMBER 22, WHILE PATROLLING FT. BLISS, THREE MILITARY POLICEMEN IN TWO PATROL CARS NOTICED A TRUCK WITH CHIHUAHUA LICENSE PLATES DRIVING AROUND BASE. WHEN MP PATROL CARS STARTED TO APPROACH TRUCK, DRIVER OF TRUCK SPED OFF IN DIRECTION OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO VIA BRIDGE OF THE AMERICAS. MP'S ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH U.S. CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AT BRIDGE, VIA FT. BLISS DISPATCHER, WITH VIEW TO HAVING THEM CONTACT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND STOP SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE AT BRIDGE. HOWEVER, TRUCK PASSED BEFORE U.S. CUSTOMS COULD TAKE SUCH ACTION. MP'S CONTINUED THEIR CHASE TO THE BRIDGE. WHEN TRUCK ARRIVED AT INSPECTION STATION AT BRIDGE, WITH MP PATROL CARS CLOSE BEHIND, MP'S OBSERVED THREE MEN GET OUT OF TRUCK AND RUN INTO CIUDAD JUAREZ. MP'S ATTEMPTED TO PURSUE THEM ON FOOT BUT WERE APPREHENDED BY MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND HELD AT THE MEXICAN IMMIGRATION OFFICE FOR INVESTIGATION. INSPECTION OF TRUCK BY MEXICAN CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES UNCOVERED 57 ONE-KILO BAGS OF MARIJUANA.

2. REPRESENTATIVE OF PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE, FT. BLISS
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CALLED CONSULATE DUTY OFFICER AT APPROXIMATELY 4:10A.M. TO

REPORT INCIDENT. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH MEXICAN CHIEF OF IMMIGRATION, HE INFORMED ME HE HAD REPORTED INCIDENT TO GOBERNACION, MEXICO CITY AND WAS AWAITING THEIR INSTRUCTIONS. UPON VISITING HIS OFFICE A SHORT TIME LATER, HE INFORMED ME HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOBERNACION TO RELEASE THE THREE MP'S INTO MY CUSTODY, REFERRING TO THE COOPERATION WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN MATTERS OF NARCOTICS INTERDICTION AND IMMIGRATION MATTERS. HE STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAD NOT GIVEN ANY INFORMATION TO THE NEWS MEDIA REGARDING THE INCIDENT. WITH THESE COMMENTS, HE TURNED THE THREE MP'S, THEIR VEHICLES AND SIDEARMS OVER TO MY CUSTODY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FT. BLISS PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE WHO WAS WITH ME ACCOMPANIED THE MEN BACK TO FT. BLISS.

3. FT. BLISS AUTHORITIES SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER HIGH INCIDENCE OF THEFT ON BASE DURING LATE HOURS OF NIGHT AND EARLY HOURS OF MORNING. MP'S PURSUIT OF TRUCK PROBABLY MOTIVATED BY THIS. FT. BLISS COMMANDING GENERAL HAS INSTRUCTED PROVOST MARSHAL TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT RECURRENCES OF PURSUIT BY MP'S INTO MEXICAN TERRITORY IN FUTURE.
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